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Headquarters Engineer Dept., Dept. of Trans-Miss.,

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C I R C U L A R.

In consequence of the great scarcity of intrenching tools and other Engineer property in the Dept. of the Trans-Miss., Depots for the collection and repairs of shovels, picks, axes, carpenters' tools, etc. will be established in the different districts, and all Engineer Officers, Agents, etc., having in their possession such property, not in use, are hereby directed to have it removed to the Depots and turned over to the officer in charge, without delay.

A return by the Senior Engineer officer of each district, will be made to these Headquarters, of all property now on hand. Stating its condition and the point at which it is being used.

The following Depots for the collection of intrenching tools, etc., will be established. For the District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, Houston and San Antonio.

For the District of Western Louisiana, Shreveport and Grand Ecore.

For the District of Arkansas, Fulton and Van Buren.

Requisitions for intrenching tools, etc., will be made by the Senior Engineer officer of the District in which they may be required, upon the officer in charge of the Depots, and invoices and receipts given and taken for all property issued.

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Approved by command of Lt. Gen'l. E. KIRBY SMITH.

L. P. PRATT, A. A. Gen'l.

HEADQUARTERS, District of Arkansas, }
Little Rock, Aug. 17, 1863. }

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